



INTROIT

“St. Thomas”

Inglewood First Music

WELCOME & GREETINGS

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Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Children of God, are you listening? Have you noticed? God has planted seeds of hope among us.

Many: We have heard of this hope!

*One: Are you listening? Have you noticed? God nurtures hope among us,
helping us bear the fruit of faithfulness in this world.*

Many: We seek this hope as we learn to live in faith.

*One: Are you listening? Have you noticed? The hope of God’s good news forms you
to love one another with the love of Christ.*

Many: We cling to this hope as we grow in love of God, self, neighbor, and all creation.

One: Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God who graciously offers us the gift of hope.

***Many: Come, let us worship God who empowers us to put our hope
into faithful and loving actions!***

OPENING PRAYER

God of power and might, bring your awesome presence into our worship and our world.

*Open us to your wholeness and healing and embolden us to answer your call,
that we might face unafraid the demons of this world. Amen.*

OPENING HYMN

“Marching to Zion”

Hymnal #73

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“We Are Not Alone”

Hymnal #883

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

*We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.*

We are called to be the Church:

*to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.*

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. AMEN!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

“We Are the Church”

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INTRODUCTION TO GUEST PREACHER

Rev. Neema Cyrus-Franklin

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

Hymnal #462

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:25-37
Common English Bible

Rev. Neema Cyrus-Franklin

25 A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to gain eternal life?” 26 Jesus

replied, "What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?" 27 He responded, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself." 28 Jesus said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live." 29 But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. 31 Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. 32 Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. 33 A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. 34 The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day, he took two full days' worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, 'Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.' 36 What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?" 37 Then the legal expert said, "The one who demonstrated mercy toward him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

MESSAGE

"A Simple Yes"

Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oliver

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

INVITATIONAL SONG

"Kum Ba Yah"

Hymnal #494

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oliver

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

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Announcements 
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4 WAYS TO GIVE:

- (1) **Mail:** Send to *Inglewood First UMC, 304 E Spruce Ave, Inglewood, CA 90301*
- (2) **Online:** www.inglewoodfirst.org/give or
- (3) **Text-to-Give:** Text an amount to **(833) 785-0863**
- (4) **Download the Church App** at www.inglewoodfirst.org/app

COMING UP @ INGLEWOOD FIRST UMC / inglewoodfirst.org/calendar

- **Virginia Beckett Food Pantry** | Thursday, July 17, 2025 @ 9:45 am
- **Zoom Bible Study** | Tuesdays @ 12 pm & 7 pm
- We're on our journey to Build Affordable Housing! Updates @ inglewoodfirst.org/housing

CONGREGATIONAL CARE | *Submit prayer requests at inglewoodfirst.org/prayer.*

JULY BIRTHDAYS | Lochlan Brown 7/2, Monica Webb 7/2, Reverend Howard Ashford 7/4, Daniel Wheat 7/12, Robert Ferguson 7/15, Pastor Lesa Smith 7/18, Elizabeth Bayne 7/22, Dana Ferguson 7/22, Anthony Greene 7/24, Rev. Linda Furtado 7/25, Kerri Hill 7/26

PRAYER LIST | Family of Pat Soto • Jennifer Blannon • Raymond Naba • Patricia Thomas • Jimmie Woods-Gray • Mary Collins • John Cohill • Rokyia Ferguson • Houseless Neighbors • Elizabeth Payne • Elva Herrera • Affordable Housing Project • Della Greene & Anthony Greene • Stephannie Starr